

PubPol/Econ 541

Class 10

Policies and Institutions: National, Other

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Pause for News

Announcements

- Mid-term feedback:
 - Ford School students are asked for feedback, which will be shared anonymously with instructors.

- Quizzes

- Results:

	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mean	6.69	6.78	8.03
Median	6.5	6.5	8
Max	10	9.5	10
Min	2.5	4	5.5
S.D.	2.08	1.97	1.24

Outline

- European Union
- Japan
- China
- Other

European Union

- History
 - 1957 Treaty of Rome created European Economic Community (EEC) as a "common market"
 - Eliminated barriers to movement of goods, services, capital, and labor (eventually)
 - Prohibited policies to inhibit market competition
 - Adopted Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
 - Adopted common external trade policy
 - (Hence a Customs Union, not a Free Trade Area)
 - Original Six countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands
 - Added 6 more: 1973: Denmark, Ireland, UK; 1981: Greece; 1986: Portugal, Spain (also E. Germany 1990)

As of
1990



European Union

- History
 - “Europe 1992”: Treaty on European Union, signed Feb 7, 1992, in Maastricht, Netherlands
 - “Four Freedoms” became reality: free movement of goods, services, people, and money
 - Set rules for (future) single currency
 - 1995: Added Austria, Finland, Sweden
 - 2004: Added 10 more: 8 from former Soviet Bloc, plus Malta and Cyprus
 - 2007: Added Bulgaria and Romania
 - 2013: Added Croatia
 - 2020: Subtracted United Kingdom

As of
2020

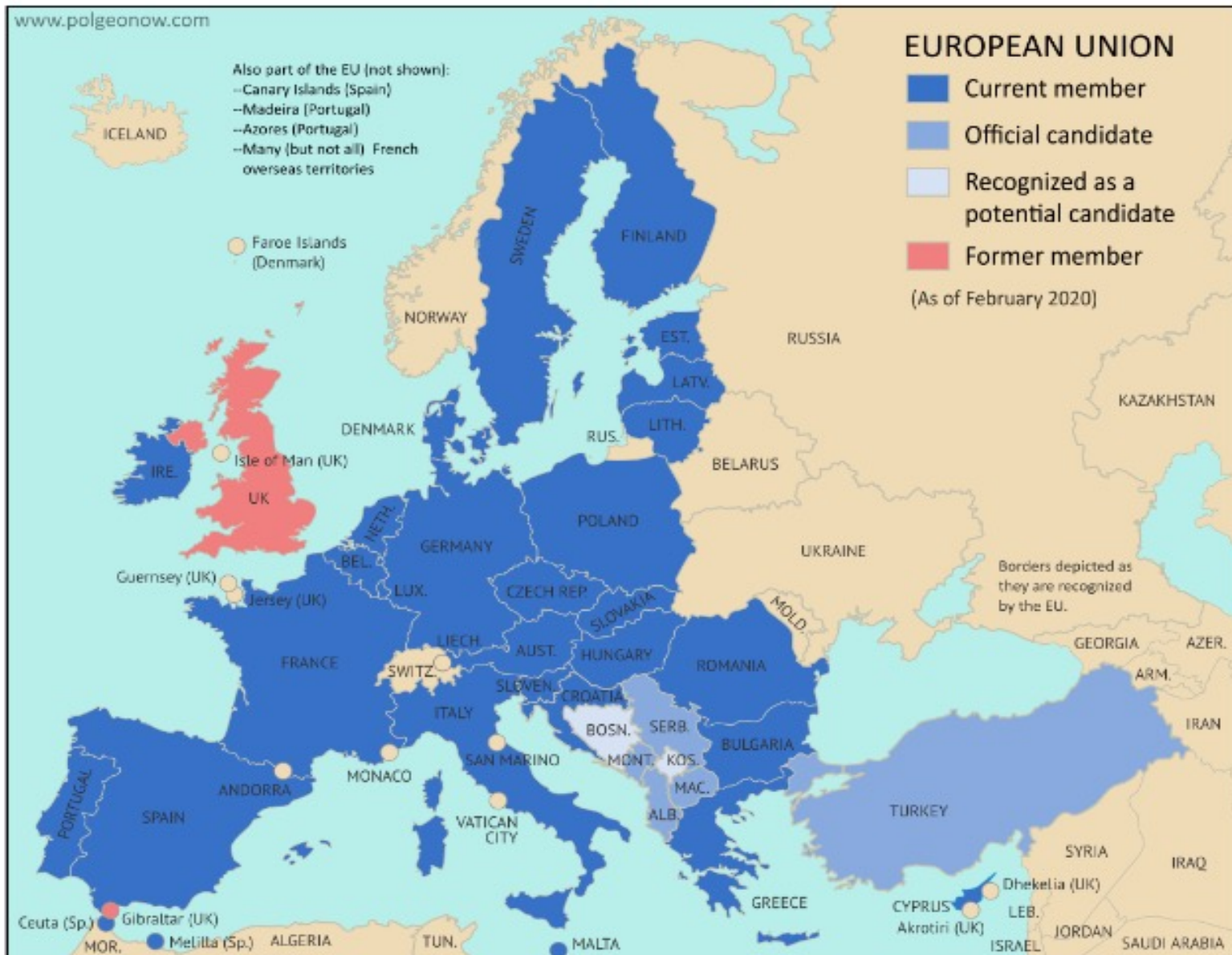


NOTE:
Not yet
members,
and maybe
never:

Serbia
Montenegro
N. Macedonia
Albania
Turkey

European Union

- The EU today
 - 27 Countries
 - Note who is not in
 - UK (anymore)
 - Switzerland
 - Norway
 - Iceland
 - Official candidates: Turkey and several parts of former Yugoslavia
 - Potential candidates: Other parts of former Yugoslavia



The European Union after the January 2020 departure of the UK and Gibraltar ([pre-Brexit version here](#)).
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European Union

- Two main institutions
 - European Council
 - European Commission

European Union

- European Council
 - Heads of national governments, expressing their national interests
 - Presidency rotates among member states every six months
 - Not a person, but a country. Currently Czech Republic (July-December 2022)
 - There is also a person with the title President of the European Council: Charles Michel
 - Runs meetings
 - Represents EU externally



European Union

- European Commission
 - 27 Commissioners, one from each member country
 - Represents the whole of the EU, not the individual national interests
 - Drafts legislation and handles day-to-day running of EU
 - Current President is Ursula von der Leyen



European Union

- Other institutions
 - Council of the European Union
 - Not the same as European Council
 - National ministries, a Council for each area
 - European Parliament
 - Court of Justice
 - European Central Bank
 - Court of Auditors

European Union

- How it functions
 - Commission “proposes”
 - Council “adopts”: seeks unanimity, but if not, it votes
 - Proportional to population
 - But with small countries over-represented

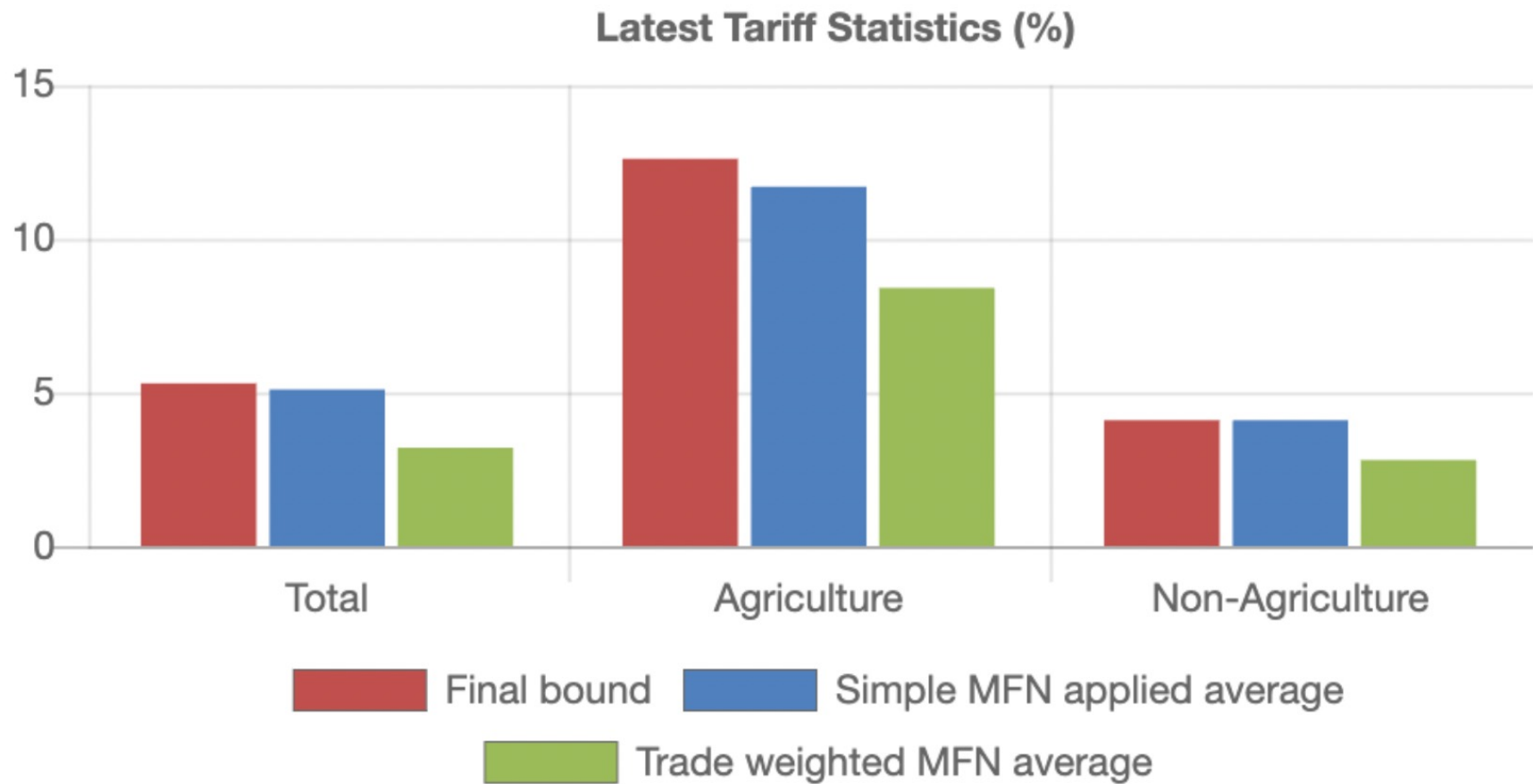
European Union

- Features relevant for trade
 - Common external tariff
 - Countries therefore can not join FTAs on their own
 - Value-added tax (VAT)
 - Rebated on exports
 - Common agricultural policy (CAP)
 - System of subsidies and support programs for agriculture
 - Variable levies
 - Numerous (~42) FTAs with other countries & groups of countries, including with former colonies
 - Banana War: US-EU dispute over EU preference for former colonies' bananas. US won case at WTO
 - State aid for firms is prohibited (unlike US)

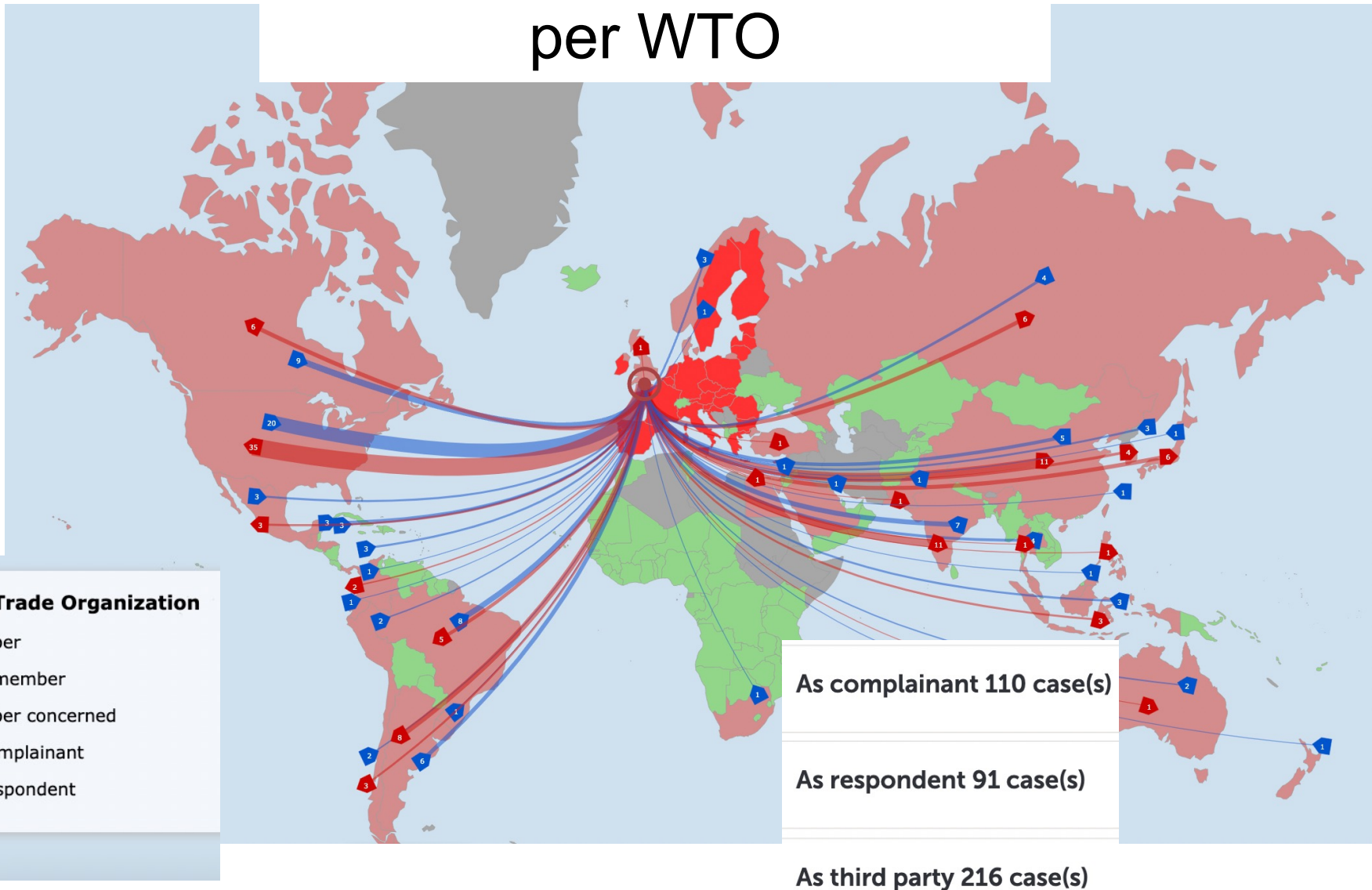
European Union

- Tariffs and Trade Disputes
 - The following 3 slides come from WTO, Member Information, downloaded 9/22/22
 - Tariffs: I assume they are up to date, as of 9/22/22
 - Disputes: These are the total numbers of disputes since 1995.
 - RTAs (Regional Trade Agreements, WTO term for FTAs, etc.)

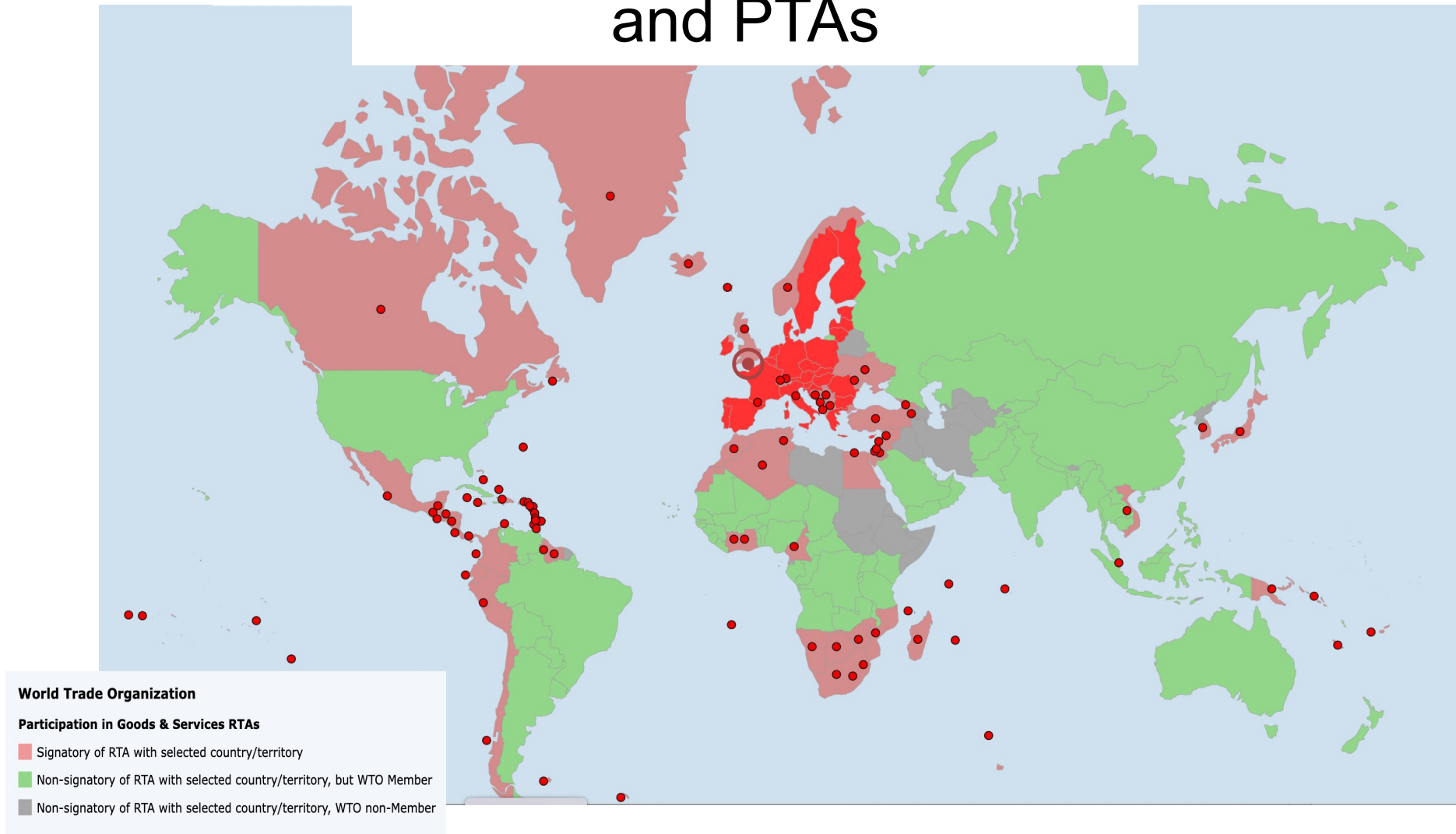
EU Tariffs per WTO



Disputes Involving EU per WTO



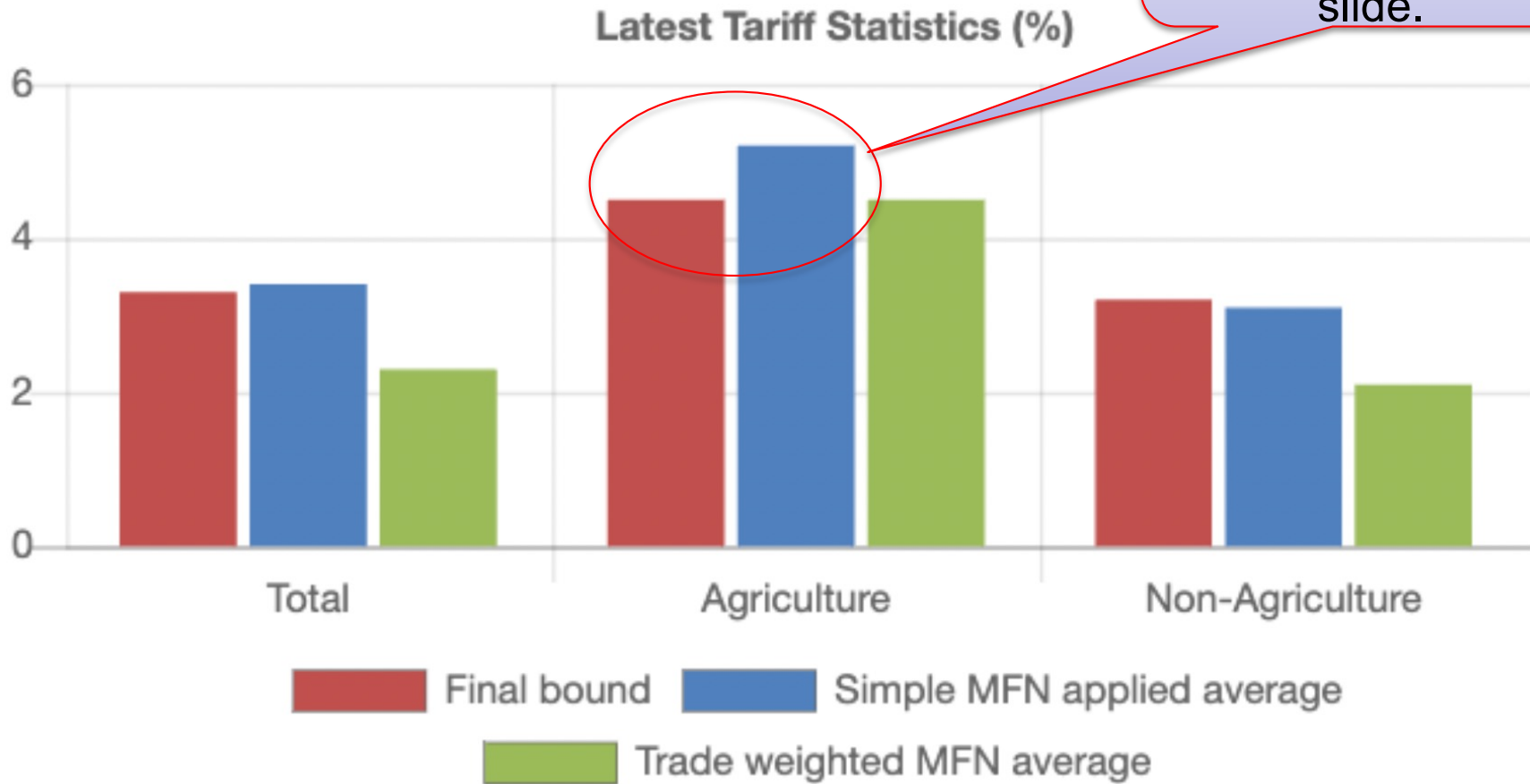
EU Membership in RTAs and PTAs



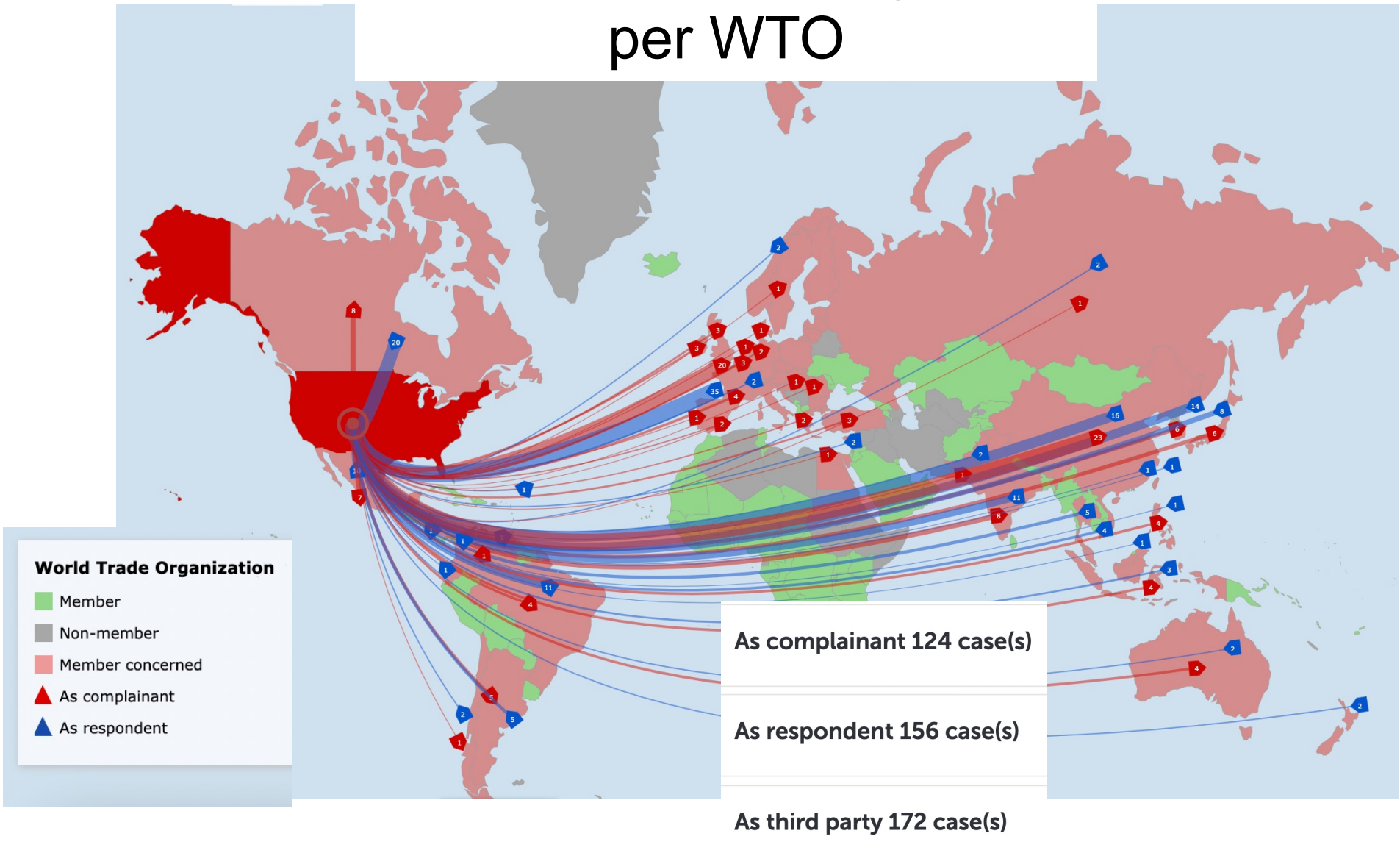
Compare with US

US Tariffs per WTO

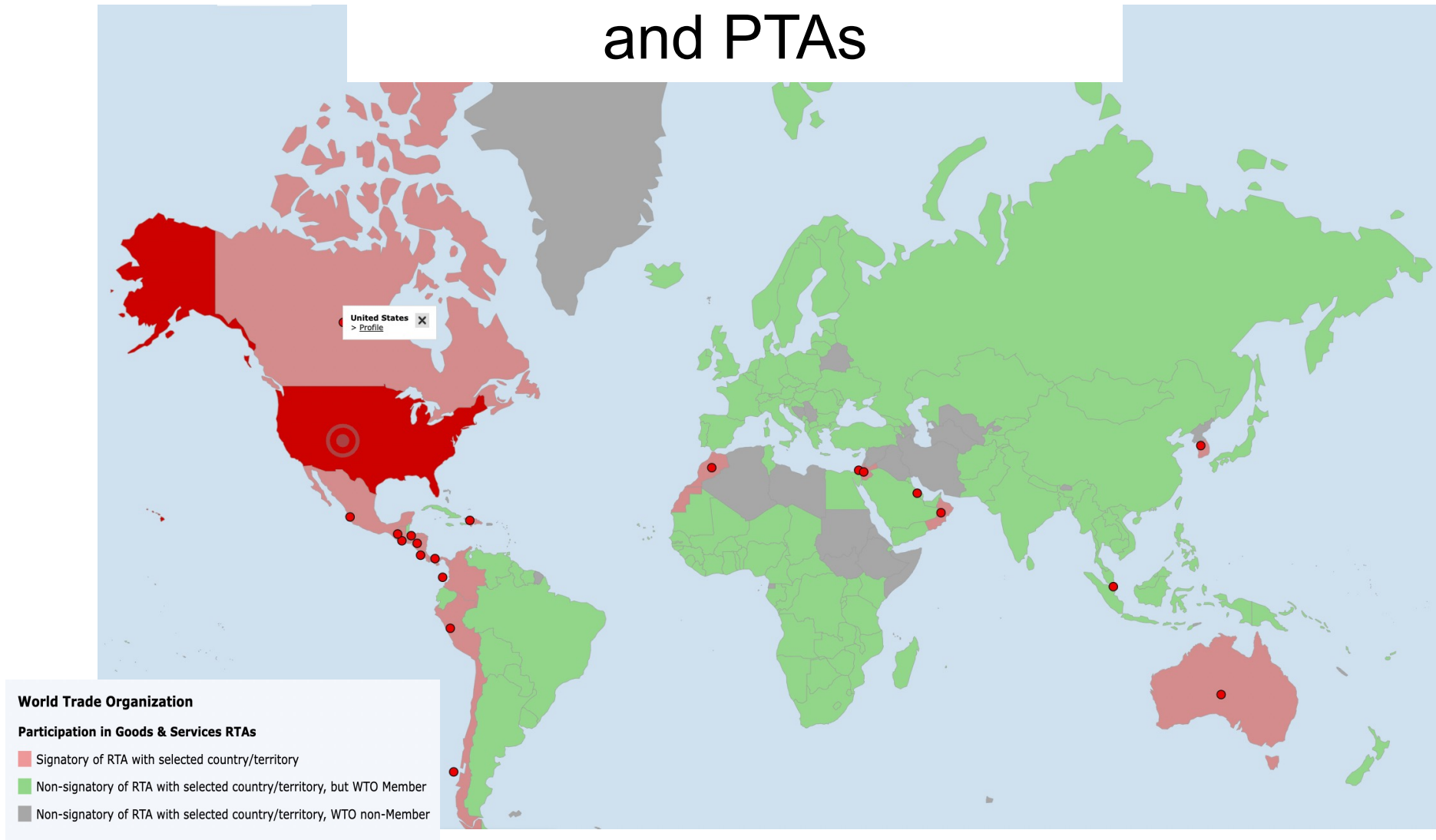
How is this possible? I don't know. See notes to slide.



Disputes Involving US per WTO



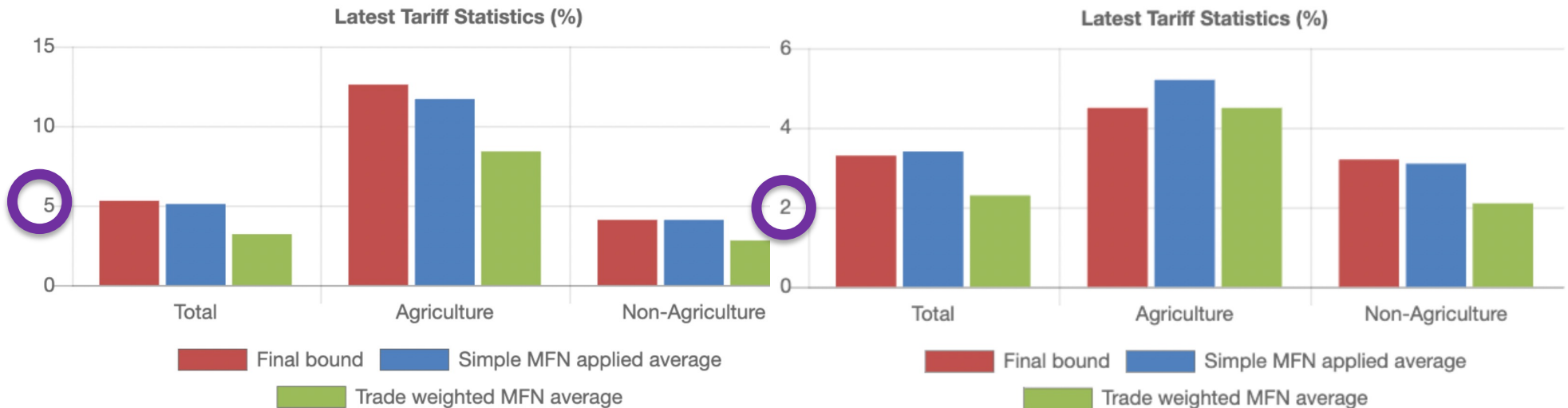
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Comparison of EU with US Tariffs

EU

US

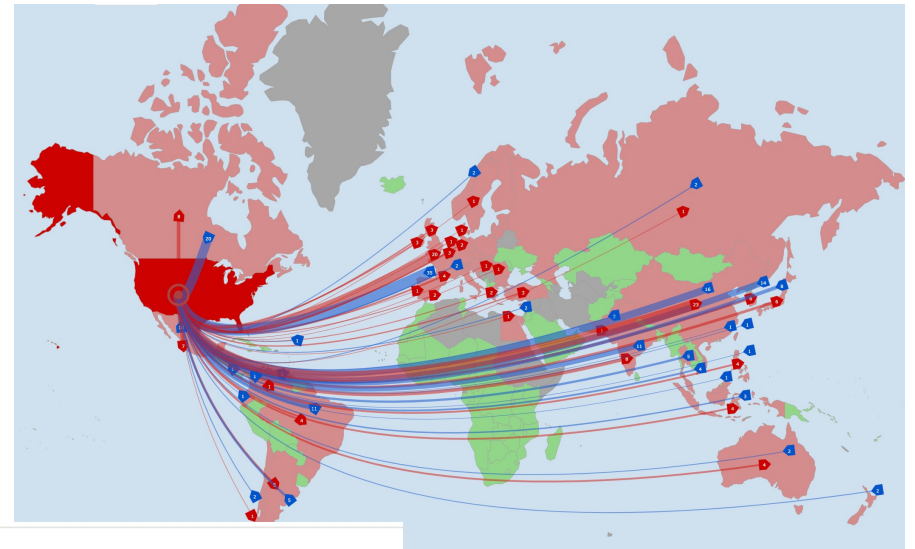
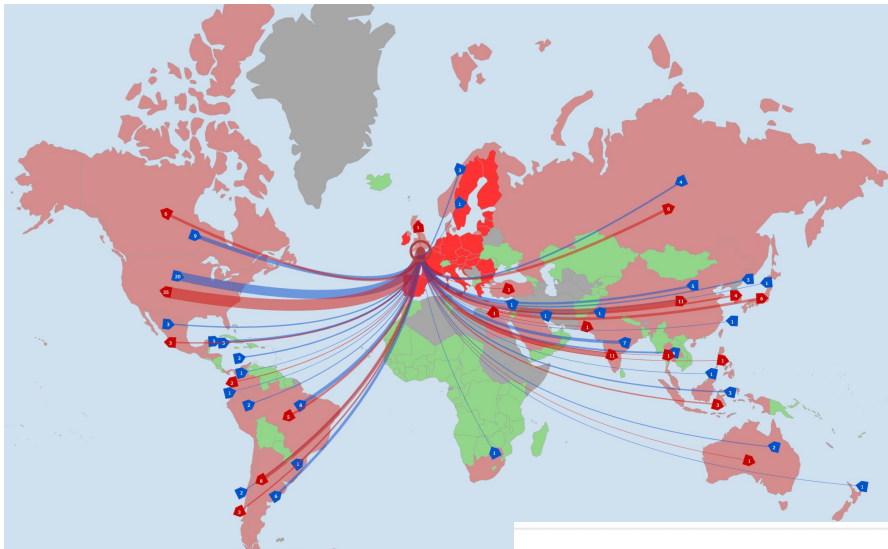


These look comparable until you note the scales.

Comparison of EU with US Disputes

EU

US



World Trade Organization

- Member
- Non-member
- Member concerned
- ▲ As complainant
- ▲ As respondent

As complainant 110 case(s)

As complainant 124 case(s)

As respondent 91 case(s)

As respondent 156 case(s)

As third party 216 case(s)

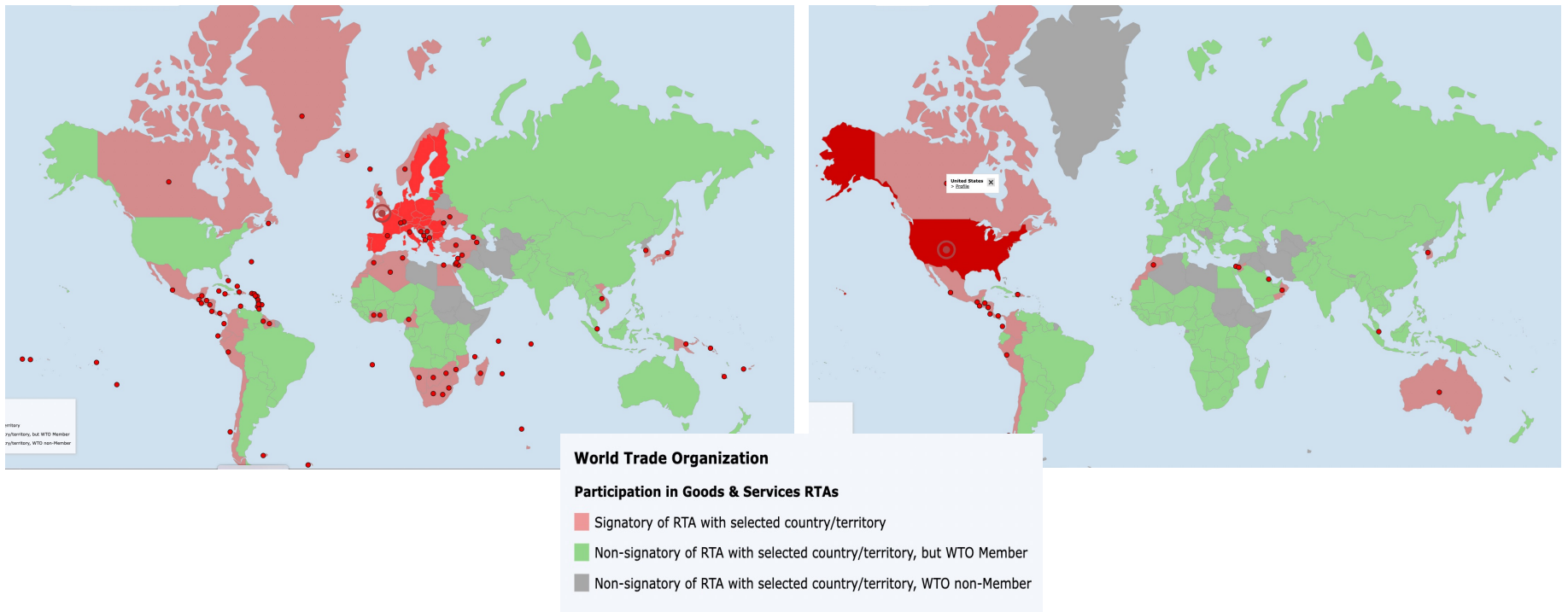
As third party 172 case(s)

Institutions: National, Other

Comparison of EU with US FTAs

EU

US



European Union

- Disputes at WTO in 2021-22: Respondent Complainant
 - DS613: European Union — Measures concerning the importation of citrus fruit from South Africa
 - In consultations since 27 July 2022
 - DS612: United Kingdom— Measures relating to the allocation of contracts for difference in low carbon energy generation, EU
 - In consultations since 28 March 2022
 - DS611: China— Enforcement of intellectual property rights, EU
 - In consultations since 18 February 2022
 - DS610: China—Measures concerning trade in goods and services, EU
 - In consultations since 27 January 2022
 - DS609: Egypt—Registration requirements relating to the importation of certain products, EU
 - In consultations since 26 January 2022

European Union

- Disputes at WTO in 2021-22 cont.: Respondent Complainant
 - DS608: Russian Federation— Measures concerning the exportation of wood products, EU
 - In consultations since 20 January 2022
 - DS607: European Union — Measures concerning the importation of certain poultry meat preparations from Brazil
 - In consultations since 8 November 2021
 - DS606: European Union — Provisional anti-dumping duty on mono-ethylene glycol from Saudi Arabia
 - In consultations since 17 August 2021
 - DS604: Russian Federation— Certain measures concerning domestic and foreign products and services, EU
 - Panel composed

Pause for Discussion

Questions

On Jackson:

- What are the six entities that play constitutional roles in the European Community?

On “European Union in Brief”:

- What does the “single market” entail?
- What are the three entities through which EU citizens and members states are represented?
- Why and when did it change its name from EEC to EU?

Questions on EU Commission “Making Trade Policy”

- What sorts of policy are the “exclusive power of the EU,” meaning that they cannot be done by member states individually?
- Which part of the EU negotiates trade agreements with other countries? Is that entity constrained in any way as to with whom it can negotiate and what its objectives should be?
- Once a trade agreement is negotiated, who approves it?

Questions on *Economist*, “The Trade War Within”

- To what extent are EU countries largely free-traders?
- Why was the EU considering taking some developing countries off the list for GSP treatment? Can you find out whether it did in fact do this for Brazil, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa?
- What are the 3 levels of EU GSP and what do they mean?
- What is meant by the need for “reciprocity”?

Questions on Bounds, “EU Seeks Protected Status”

- Once a product has protected status, what does this mean?
- Does the WTO accept the idea of protected status?
- What are some examples of currently protected products?
- Over what part(s) of the world do the EU designations of protected status apply?

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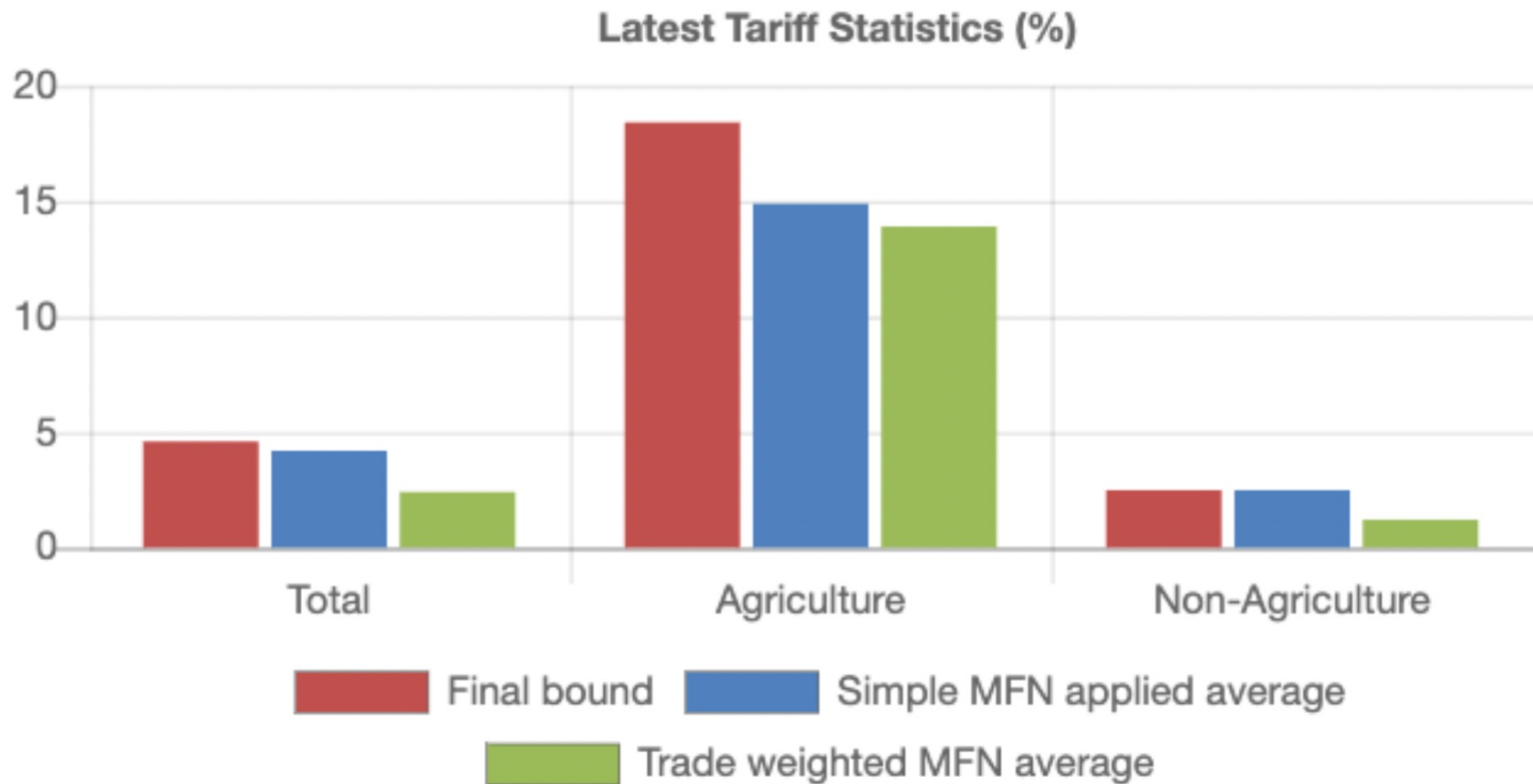
Japan

- Portions of government dealing with trade
 - METI = Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
 - Previously MITI, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
 - MAFF = Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
 - Handles all agriculture trade (with high tariffs)
 - MOFA = Ministry of Foreign Affairs

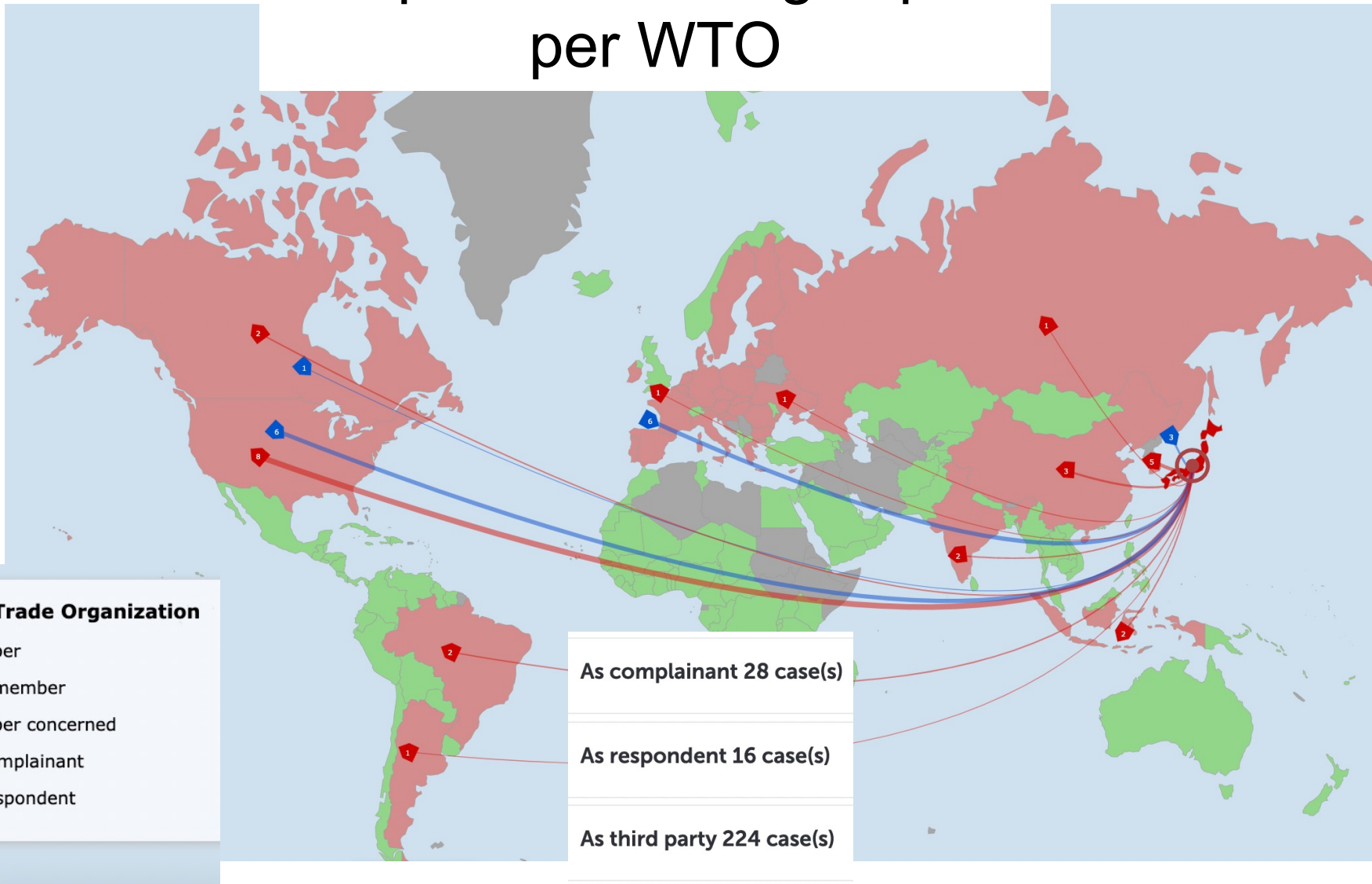
Japan

- Japan's trade disputes
 - Most serious recent dispute has been with South Korea
 - 2018: S.K. Supreme Court ordered reparations from 2 Japanese companies for WWII forced labor.
 - S.K. also continues concerns about WWII “comfort women”
 - 2019: Japan tightened export controls to S.K. and dropped S.K. from its “white list” for “fast-track exports”
 - S.K cancelled military intelligence sharing
 - 2-way trade dropped 41%
 - Foreign Ministers met 9/23/21, but did not resolve the issues.
 - As of June 2022, the current leaders are trying to settle the issue

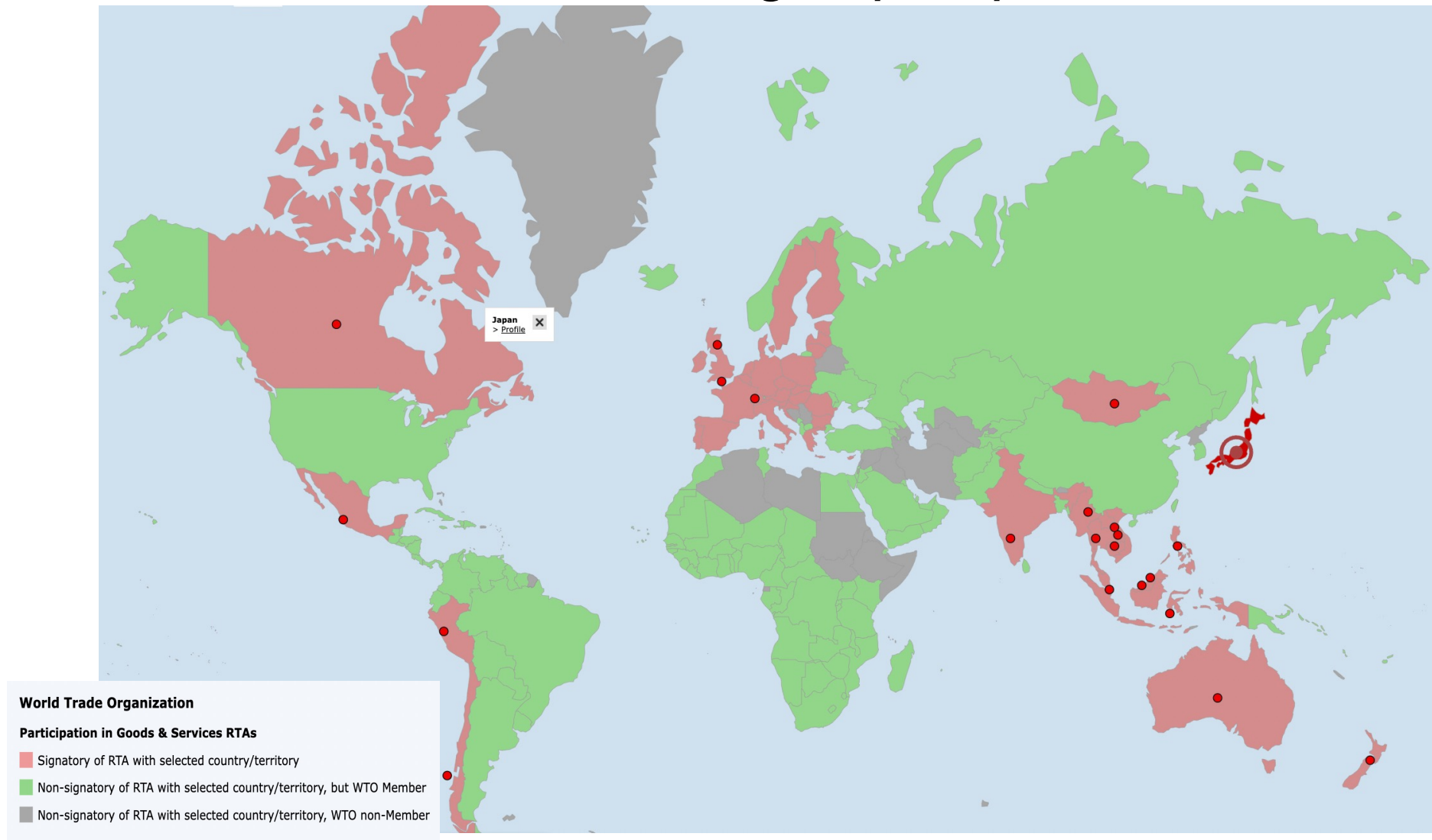
Japan Tariffs per WTO



Disputes Involving Japan per WTO



FTAs Involving Japan per



Japan

- Disputes at WTO in 2020-21: Respondent Complainant
 - DS601: China — Anti-Dumping measures on stainless steel products from Japan
 - In consultations on 11 June 2021
 - DS594: Korea — Measures Affecting Trade in Commercial Vessels (second complaint) (Japan)
 - In consultations on 31 January 2020

Pause for Discussion

Questions

From Jackson:

- Why is Japan a less complicated country than the US and EU for understanding its interaction with international trade law and negotiations?

From METI:

- What is METI's "general rule"?
- What are some of the exceptions to free trade that they base their trade controls on?
- What are some of the things that METI does?

Questions on Japan's “Trade Policy Review 2020”

- What seem to be the biggest changes in trade policy during the 2017-20 period reported here?
- Which sectors are the largest in Japan?
- How large are Japan's tariffs?
- Does Japan use tariff-rate quotas?
- What change has Japan made that may be most criticized by others?

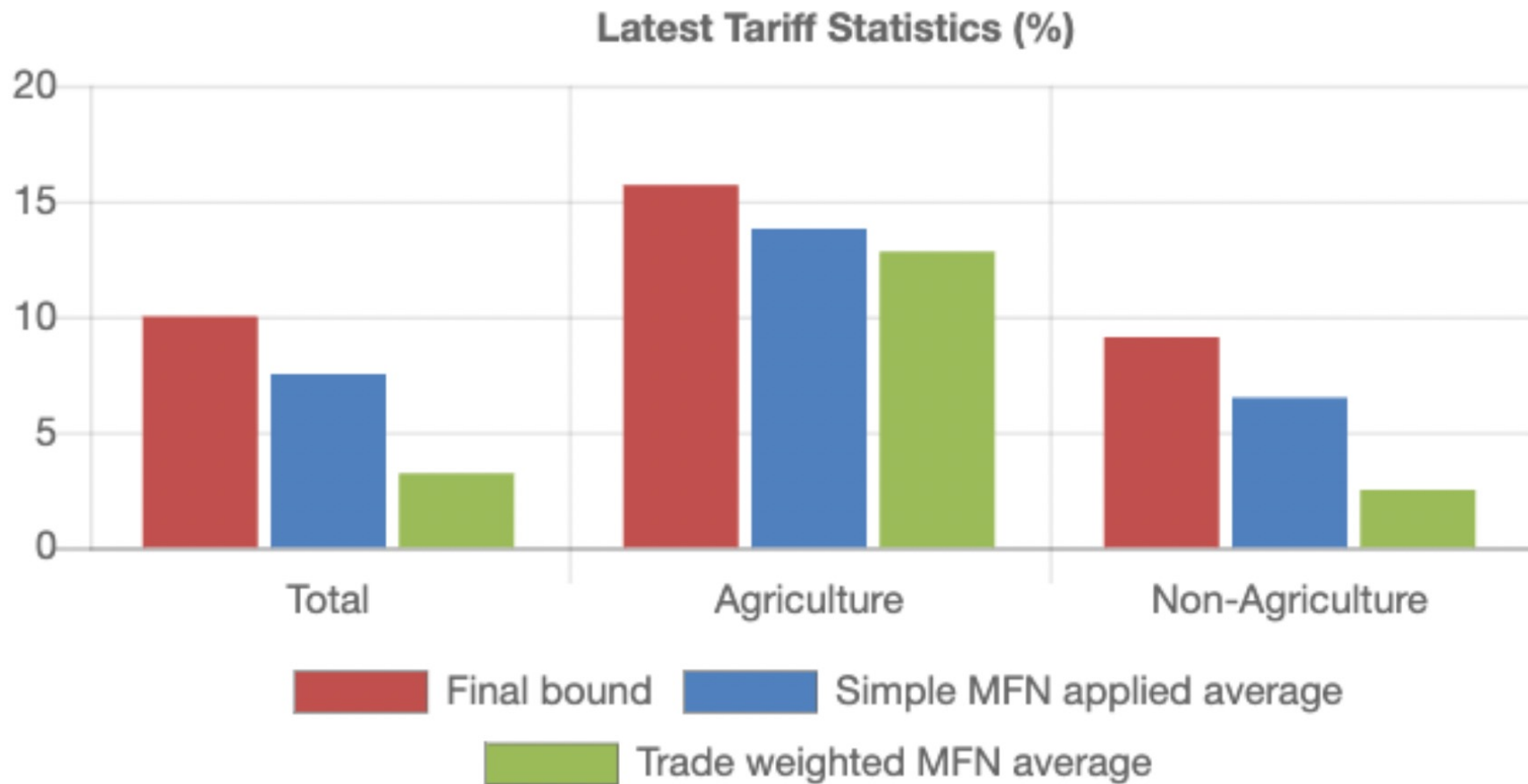
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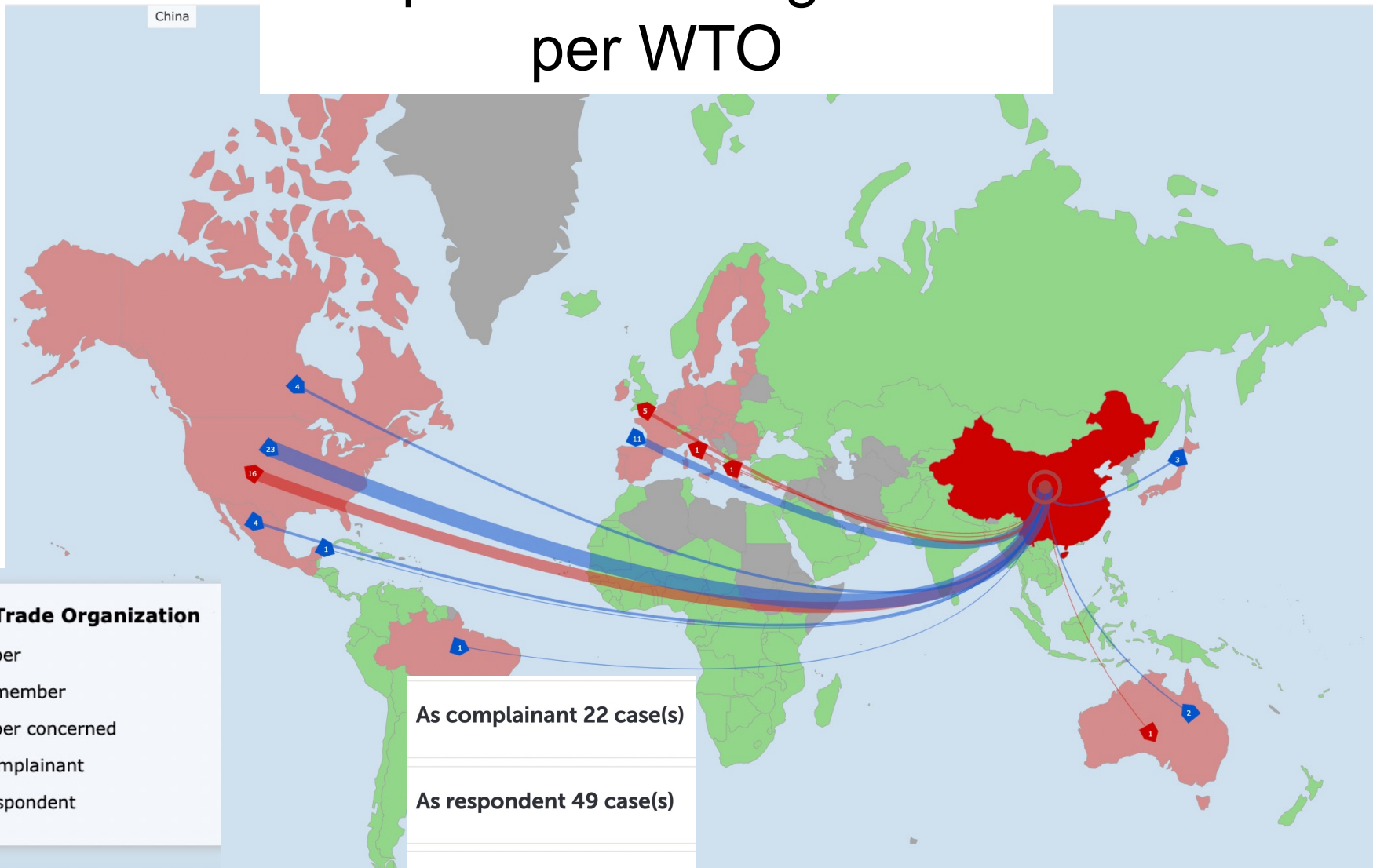
China

- Part of government dealing with trade
 - MOFCOM = Ministry of Commerce
 - Mission: To draft the laws and regulations governing foreign trade

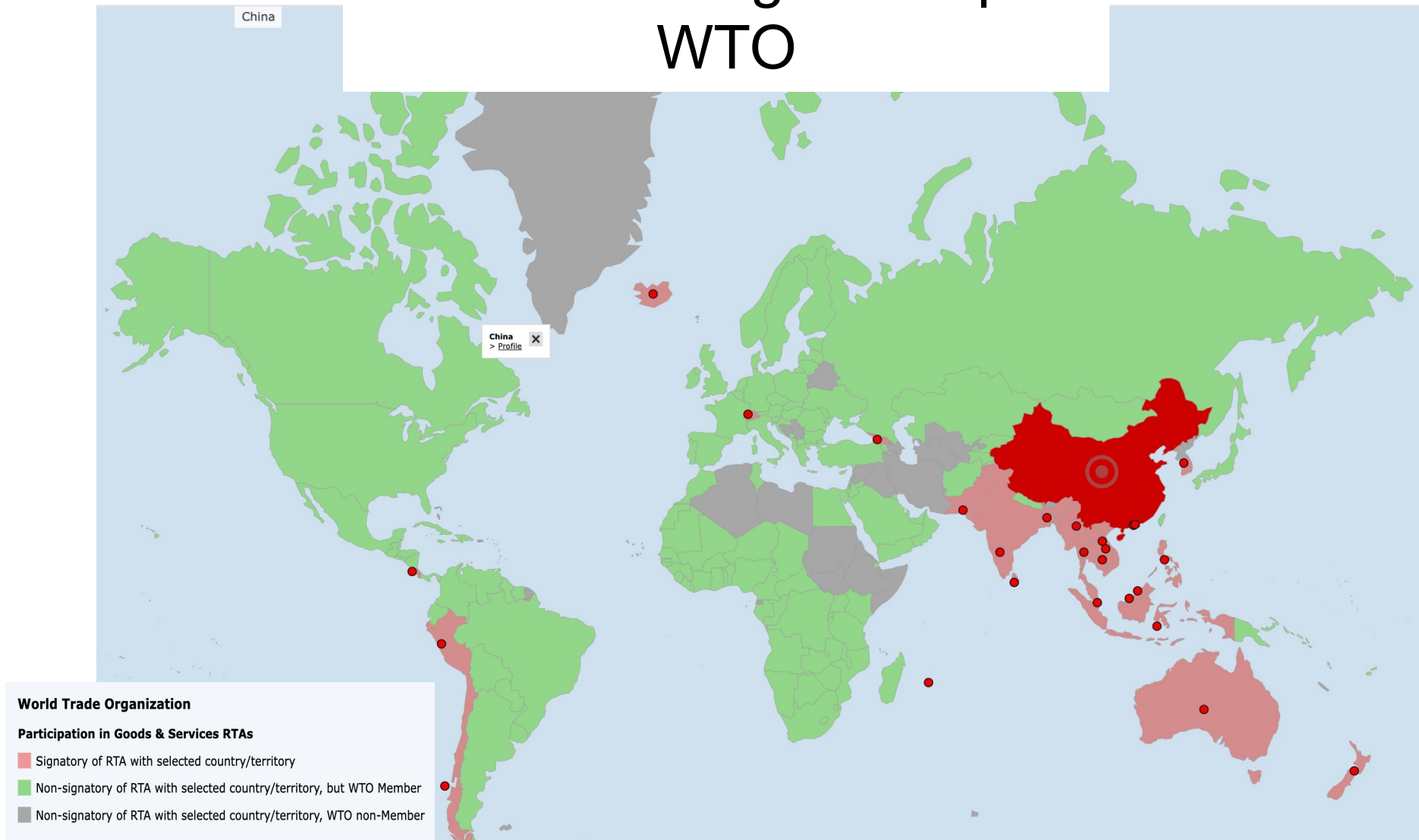
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FTAs Involving China per WTO



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 - DS610: China—Measures concerning trade in goods and services, EU
 - In consultations since 27 January 2022
 - DS03: Australia—Anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures on certain products from China
 - Panel established but not yet composed
 - DS02: China—Anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures on wine from Australia
 - Panel composed
 - DS01: China—Anti-dumping measures on stainless steel products from Japan
 - Panel composed

Pause for Discussion

Questions on China's “Trade Policy Review 2021”

- How has China's GDP growth rate changed? How has its current account surplus changed?
- Does the government intend to eliminate State Owned Enterprises?
- How, if at all, does China manage inward foreign direct investment?

Questions on “Trade Policy Review 2021” continued

- How high are China’s tariffs?
- What is China’s policy regarding trade in garbage (solid waste)?
- Does China use tariff-rate quotas?
- Has China made any changes in its intellectual property rules and procedures?

Questions on Wei “China Spends Far More Than Others”

- As percent of GDP, how does China’s government support compare to US and also the second most supported?
- Might the US respond to this with policy?
- What forms does China’s government support take?

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Other

- United Kingdom
 - Department for International Trade
 - Minister of State for Trade: Kemi Badenoch since September 2022
 - Trade Secretary: Kemi Badenoch since September 2022
 - “Secretary of State for International Trade”
 - UK Trade Remedies Authority
 - Handles AD, CVD, and Safeguards



Other

- Australia
 - Minister for Trade and Tourism
 - Senator the Hon Don Farrell since June 1, 2022
 - Anti-Dumping Commission
 - Handles ADD & CVD



Other

- Switzerland
 - Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
 - Headed by Guy Parmelin since 2019
 - (Now also President)
 - Does not use ADD, CVD, safeguards, or quotas
 - Has many FTAs, including with EU



Other

- South Korea
 - Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy
 - Minister: Lee Chang-yang
 - Since May 2022
 - Minister for Trade: Ahn Duk-geun
 - Since ? 2022
 - PhD Econ UM under Deardorff



Other

- Trade Ministers:
 - Afghanistan: Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
Anwar-UI-Haq Ahady 2010-21
 - Thailand: Minister of Commerce
Jurin Laksanawisit as of 2020
 - Pakistan: Federal Minister for Commerce
Syed Naveed Qamar

